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Addendum

Note verbale dated 16 July 1990 from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to bring the following to his attention.

In January 1990, the Permanent Mission of the USSR sent to the United Nations Secretariat registration data on the satellite Magion-2, which was launched in co-operation with Czechoslovakia from USSR territory in October 1989 by the Intercosmos-24 carrier rocket (Note verbale of 31 January 1990; see ST/SG/SER.E/215 of 2 February 1990). The Permanent Mission of Czechoslovakia having already transmitted to the United Nations Secretariat registration data on that satellite on 20 December 1989 (ST/SG/SER.E/213 of 3 January 1990), a situation arose which conflicted with article II, paragraph 2, of the 1975 Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space. This paragraph provides that, where there is a joint launching, the object shall be registered by only one of the launching States. Accordingly, those in charge of the State registry of space objects launched by the USSR, decided to exclude from it the data on the satellite Magion-2. Entry No. 2547, under which this satellite appeared in the State registry of space objects launched by the USSR, was given to the space object Progress M-3, which was launched from the USSR on 1 March 1990.

In the light of the above information, the Permanent Mission would be grateful if the necessary changes could be made to the Register kept by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with article III, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

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